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FORMER STERLING RESIDENT SENTENCED TO 17 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR CRACK COCAINE OFFENSE

ROCKFORD – PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; ROBERT D. GRANT, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; GARY SPENCER, Whiteside County State’s Attorney; and RON POTTHOFF, Sterling Police Chief, today made the following announcement:

Today, United States District Judge Philip G. Reinhard sentenced **JULIAN L. WYRE**, 31, Sterling, Illinois, to a total of 17 years’ imprisonment without parole for illegally possessing with intent to distribute 6.9 grams of cocaine base (“crack cocaine”). Wyre was also ordered to serve a period of 5 years of supervised release upon his release from imprisonment. Wyre pleaded guilty to the charges on July 15, 2008. In pleading guilty, Wyre admitted that on May 8, 2007, he was present at a residence in Sterling when the Sterling Police and Illinois State Police executed a search warrant. As officers entered the residence, Wyre jumped out of a kitchen window and ran, but was apprehended. At the time of Wyre’s arrest, Wyre possessed 7 “rocks” of crack cocaine, weighing approximately 6.9 grams, in his pants pocket, along with \$45 in cash.

The case was investigated by Rockford office of the FBI and the Sterling Police Department, with the assistance of the Illinois State Police Tactical Response Team. The investigation was coordinated with the assistance of the Whiteside County State’s Attorney. The case was prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph C. Pedersen.

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